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In re Application of

Stephen A. Raymond et al.

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DECISION ON PETITION  
TO WITHDRAW  
FROM RECORD

This is a decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 C.F.R. § 1.36(b), filed July 25, 2006.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

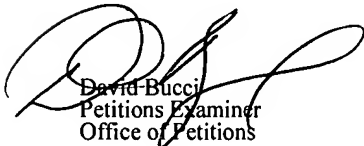
A grantable request to withdraw as attorney/agent of record must be signed by every attorney/agent seeking to withdraw or contain a clear indication that one attorney is signing on behalf of another/others. A request to withdraw will not be approved unless at least 30 (thirty) days would remain between the date of approval and the later of the expiration date of a time to file a response or the expiration date of the maximum time period which can be extended under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

The Office cannot approve the request at this time since the reasons provided do not meet any of the conditions under the mandatory or permissive categories enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40. Section 10.40 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulation states, "[a] practitioner shall not withdraw from employment in a proceeding before the Office without permission from the Office[.]" More specifically, 37 CFR 10.40 states, "[i]f paragraph (b) of this section is not applicable, a practitioner may not request permission to withdraw in matter pending before the Office unless such request or such withdrawal is" for one the permissive reasons listed in 37 CFR 10.40(c). The reasons set forth in the request, **the assignee of this application has instructed us to transfer the file.....**, do not meet any the conditions set forth in 37 CFR 10.40 because the assignee has not intervened in accordance with 37 CFR 3.71 and no statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) has been filed.

All future communications from the Office will continue to be directed to the above-listed address until otherwise notified by applicant.

Also the attorneys and/or agents cannot be withdrawn using a customer number because the practitioners were not appointed by customer.

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